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Meany charges Ike-Steel 'conspiracy'

REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

LABOR PAPERS CONFAB

The ninth annual Labor Press Conference, sponsored jointly by the California Labor Federation and the University of California, will be held in Santa Barbara Friday and Saturday of next week, following the 4-day conference on the new Federal Labor Law in the same city.

The annual Labor Press Conference is a gathering of the editors, managers, board members and others of the AFLCIO papers of the State. Through the years it has been an important factor in improving the labor papers of California.

This year labor editors of two big dailies, Harry Bernstein, Los Angeles Examiner, and Jack Howard, San Francisco, will be on discussion panels. This should make for an interesting interchange of opinions, since much of the space in labor papers is spent criticizing the dailies; and much of the space in the dailies is spent running horror stories about labor.

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THIS EDITOR'S IDEAL

One panel, of which the present writer feels privileged to be a member, will discuss "Competence of the Labor Editor." On this subject the present writer has held the same opinion, and expressed it, at all the previous conferences of this sort, and has systematically tried, despite some wailing and groaning from the constituency, to put it in practice in the editing of this paper, for now nearly 13 years.

That obstinately held opinion is this: An editor's prime loyalty should be to the highest ideal of his craft of journalism, rather than to the ideal of making, by hook or crook, some immediate gain for the group which owns the paper he edits, whether that group be labor, business, or what not.

Good journalism serves good labor best; truth moves more slowly, but in the long run gets there faster than does mere propaganda.

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ONE KEEPS TRYING

Those of us who hold this opinion often through timidity or zeal or mistake fail to live up to the standard it sets.

But we keep on trying—and dodge the brickbats.

BLOOD BANK may be set up by the Central Labor Council. The delegates at this week's meeting accepted the executive committee's recommendation that the idea of establishing one be given consideration.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.



THE SUNSHINE SPOT in the dark storm raging in the steel industry was at Fontana, California, where members of the Steelworkers who had been out 104 days tore up the picket signs after receiving word of the signing of the contract with the Kaiser Steel Corporation. (See editorial, page 8: "Back to the slave pens! Douglas and Kaiser dissent.")

BTC preparing data for visit to Congressmen

Delegates from building trades groups to the legislative conference in Washington early next year should be lined up as soon as possible, so they can begin gathering material to present to Congress in the course of their advocacy of new legislation and criticism of legislation already adopted.

This was brought out at the last meeting of the Building Trades Council.

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers said that at the recent conference of the State BTC board and advisory board it was agreed that if building tradesmen have any criticism of the way the Labor Act of 1959 is hampering or stopping legitimate activities of their unions, specific cases must be cited, and the delegates from all parts of the country must be armed with complete details of such specific instances.

MILLER AND COHELAN

Childers said that he had discussed with Representatives George P. Miller and Jeffery Cohelan, of the 8th and 7th Congressional Districts, respectively, their votes for the final compromise version of the Labor Act as it came from the conference committee set up by the Senate and House.

Childers said that Miller and Cohelan felt that if this compromise measure were not enacted something much more drastic would run the risk of being enacted when the Congress reconvened in 1960.

Also Miller and Cohelan pointed out that the AFLCIO Legislation Committee is working on a bill to amend the Labor Act.

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SPECIAL CLC MEET ON PER CAP SET NOV. 23

The meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday, November 23, will be a special called meeting to consider the report of the law and legislative committee on proposed constitutional amendments changing the per capita and representational system.

This was agreed upon at the CLC meeting this week.

Glass strike was drama to last act

The strike of the Flint Glass Workers, which ended with the signing of a national contract November 2, as previously reported by East Bay Labor Journal, was full of drama locally to the very end of the last act, and even a little beyond into a whirlwind epilogue.

Three of the participants in the Leadership Conference at Monterey got word by phone that the pickets were still being kept on duty by the striking union because of a tangle on the question of maintaining seniority.

So the three of them, CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx, Ed Logue of the Machinists, and John Ferro of Printing Specialties, jumped into a car at 2 a.m., raced back here, sat in on a conference which ended at 6:30 a.m. with a successful understanding, and then hurried back to the Leadership Conference.

Cecil Mondy, delegate of the Flint Glass Workers, to the CLC, said that the contract, won after a 50-day strike, is for two years, provides for a 3% increase plus two cents an hour the first year, and for a 3% increase the second year, 10 cents night differential.

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Leader Conference so popular it'll be longer in 1960

The Central Labor Council will sponsor a third annual Leadership Conference next year, the council delegates voted this week.

And those who participated found it so helpful that it was agreed the conference next year should be longer, covering more days, than the one this year, which began Sunday and ran through Wednesday of last week.

"We need more time for questions and answers and bull sessions," was the consensus.

A committee of three of the participants made the report on the conference: Bud Williams, Auto Machinists; Paul Katz, representing the Cemetery Workers; Bob Rivers, Communications Workers.

Williams said that he felt the conference showed how much the modern labor man must learn about economics, and about how different the conclusions of most economists are from the propaganda which is constantly bombarding the readers of the daily press.

Katz was impressed by the statement of Sam Meyer of the Retail Clerks that union officers should emphasize to members, not merely financial returns, but the social and political aspects of the union.

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THE TEMPLE SERVES AN 'OR ELSE' NOTICE

The board of directors of the Labor Temple Association announced that at their October 12 meeting, the following rule was adopted:

"Hereinafter anyone ordering a hall will have to pay for same unless it is canceled at least 48 hours in advance."

T-H use called payoff for GOP campaign cash

With steel production nearing normal in the Bay Area and many parts of the country following the Supreme Court's ruling Saturday that the striking Steelworkers must return to work under the Taft-Hartley Law, AFLCIO President George Meany declared Monday that President Eisenhower and the steel companies "have been engaged in a conspiracy against the American people."

Meany suggested at the convention of the AFLCIO Industrial Union Department in Washington that the Justice Department "investigate whether there was a conflict of interest in how the President conducted himself in handling the steel dispute."

Meany was referring to the great contributions of money made by steel magnates to the GOP campaign funds, and to the fact that these steel magnates are among Mr. Eisenhower's dearest golf pals and gourmet cooking cronies.

Emil Mazey, secretary of the United Auto Workers, said that "I charge President Eisenhower with a political payoff to steel companies" in using the Taft-Hartley Law to halt the 116-day steel strike. He and Walter Reuther quoted figures showing what large amounts the steel industry had contributed to Mr. Eisenhower's 1956 campaign for reelection.

The Supreme Court in its Saturday decision upheld by a vote of 8 to 1 the Government's contention that the 116-day strike was imperiling the national safety. The court ordered the strikers to return to work "forthwith."

Steelworkers President David J. McDonald instructed union members to obey the court at once. Arthur J. Goldberg, general counsel for the union, commented: "From the Supreme Court the only appeal is to God."

Associate Justice William O. Douglas.

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Consumer interest labor committee

The Central Labor Council voted this week to set up a Consumer Interest Committee to cooperate with the efforts of Governor Brown's administration to protect the consuming public from being gypped by unscrupulous commercial interests.

CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx said that Helen Nelson, appointed to the new post of Consumer Counsel by the Governor, gave a very impressive talk at the Leadership Conference in Monterey.

HOW TO BUY

Battle over small cars—more coming

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Consumer Expert for East Bay Labor Journal

Demand for Detroit's new compact cars already is running high. Heavy sales show the public really wants economy cars even though it took Detroit manufacturers several years and many lost sales (and lost jobs) before they would believe it. Just prior to the introduction of the new U. S. makes, the small imports had grabbed off ten percent of the American car market.

Several other U. S. manufacturers now are planning compacts, and several even have shaded prices a few dollars on some of their big cars, and also are offering optional economy engines to run on regular gas.

Mercury even is readying a luxury-type economy car, which is indicative of the kind of thinking Detroit goes in for.

Of the imports, there now over 80 different makes being sold here, with about 70 still \$100 or more below the American compacts. The U. S. compacts, however, are generally more powerful and larger than the small imports.

Enough is known now about the U. S. compacts so buyers can begin evaluating the different 1960 cars for their own driving needs.

There are now six U. S. compact cars: G. M.'s Corvair, Ford's Falcon, Chrysler's Valiant, Rambler, Rambler American and Studebaker's Lark. Dodge's "Dart" is smaller than other Dodge's but still a large car, competing with Chevy, Ford and Plymouth. Mercury's Comet will be offered this spring as the "aristocrat of the economy cars."

COMPARED WITH STANDARD MAKES: In general, the new U. S. compact cars are about 2½ to 3 feet shorter in overall length, and about 1500 pounds lighter, than the Ford-

Chevy-Plymouth group. The 106-109 inch wheelbase of the new compacts compares with 118 up for the standard makes. You don't really give up much in wheelbase, but only body overhang. In fact, the compacts have been designed so you sacrifice only about an inch of inside leg and head room.

The compacts generally have six-cylinder engines (Rambler also offers an eight), with horsepower ratings of 80 for Corvair, 90 for Falcon and Lark, 100 for Valiant, 127 for Rambler. This compares with 132 up for the standard-size cars. But since the compacts are much lighter, they are pretty nearly as responsive and powerful in performance as the big cars.

One reason for the lighter weight of the new compacts is their unitized construction, with body and frame welded as a single unit. This also lowers the height and cuts down on body rattles.

The compacts have list prices around \$2100 for a sedan, including Federal excise and dealer preparation, but not local taxes, transportation nor optional equipment. This is about \$200 less than the lowest-price standard sixes. With dealer discounts, the true price of the compact cars, stripped and without FOB charges, runs around \$1900.

In general the U. S. compacts give you a chance to save some of the fuel cost of the big models and ten percent of the initial price and finance charge, and have more maneuverability in traffic. Early indications are that the compacts will provide in the neighborhood of 18-22 miles per gallon, compared with about 15 for the standard-size sixes, and much less for the big eights.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

WAD is the brief and somewhat unbecoming term for the Women's Activities Department of COPE, which, we assume many of our readers know, is the term for the Committee on Political Education of the AFL-CIO.

This Women's Activities Department has sporadically appeared its lovely head in our area when Margaret Thornburgh, director of the Western area, has showed up on a visit. But on the whole, it hasn't been as active in this area as in some parts of the country.

THE WOMEN'S Activities Department has sent out a statement urging women members of labor unions and wives and relatives of labor men to realize that "the stake in the steel struggle is the future of collective bargaining over job conditions—workloads, shift schedules, call-in, overtime, everywhere in America."

The statement goes on to point out that "what the companies really want is a completely free hand on work assignments without the 'restrictions' of grievance procedure and arbitration. If the steel industry wins this fight, others will follow the same line; and the daily lives of union members on the job will be in the pattern of 30 years ago, the ugly pattern of management dictatorship, of oppression with no appeal."

THE ABOVE takes up the controversy over working conditions; on wages the big companies claim that they must freeze wages—not profits!—to stop inflation. On this issue, the statement declares:

"A victory for the steel industry would bring the same wage-freeze position to every collective bargaining table in the country. The dollar-an-hour retail clerk and the \$1.40 an hour textile worker would also be told that higher wages are 'dangerous to the economy.'"

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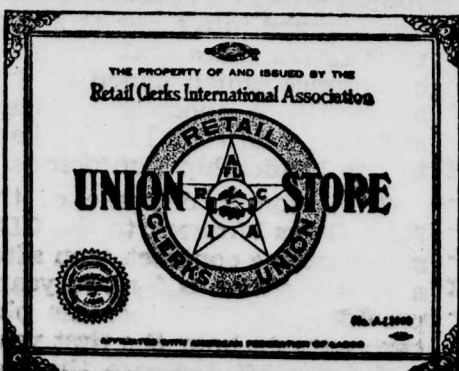
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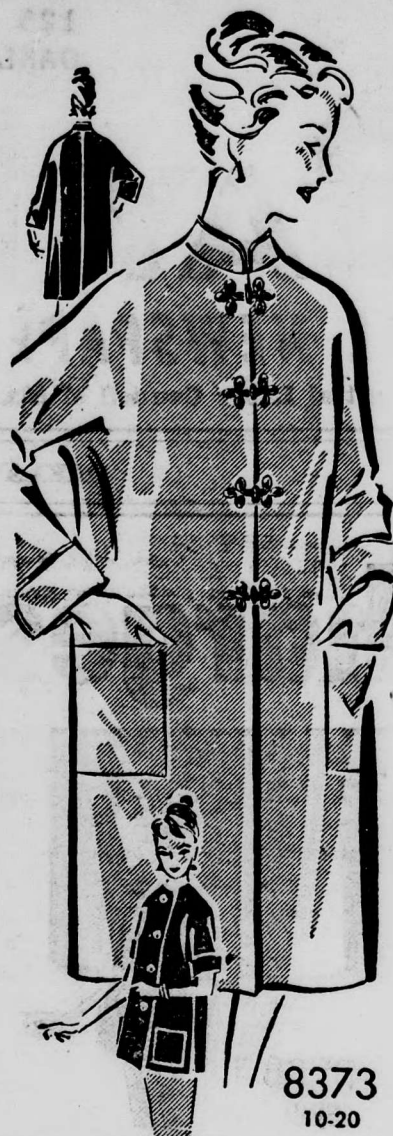
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Reasons for dark potatoes

What color do your potatoes have after they are cooked? Do they stay a creamy white or do they darken?

At present, color after cooking isn't taken into consideration when assigning potato grades. But it's one of the things housewives are most interested in when they make potato purchases. There's no way to tell when you buy them in the store, if potatoes are subject to blackening after cooking.

They find that cooking in hard water makes some potatoes turn darker than when cooked in softened water.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

WE THINK of teen-agers as carefree, frivolous, extravagant, rock'n'rollers with nothing on their minds but good times.

This however, is not true of all of them, according to a survey made by Scholastic magazine, recently, which queried five thousand young people between 16 and 18, from 43 States.

Fifty percent of them planned to go to college, the boys mostly planning to become engineers, the girls teachers. This meant that most of this group were seriously concerned with their studies, in order that their grades would be good enough for college entrance.

While boys of that age were found to be more extravagant than girls, they also earned and saved more. Moreover, 90% of the boys choose their own clothes.

Although the survey said nothing on the subject, it is hard to believe that at least that large a percentage of girls did not choose their own clothes. Indeed, girls probably begin choosing their clothes at far earlier ages than boys do.

Boys, however, who are fussy about their appearance, are far more "set" in their ways than girls are. You might persuade a girl that some other hair-do would be more becoming, but once a boy gets into the routine of the current elaborate style, built up and kept in place with a great deal of lotion of some kind, he is extremely obstinate about it.

At a barber shop recently, one such boy, after his haircut, called for a comb, so he could comb his hair. The barber remarked in an aside to another customer:

"They won't let you comb their hair. Nobody can do it to suit them!"

Many of these youngsters are thinking seriously of careers, of politics, and other related subjects. They all like a good time, of course, and some no doubt assume an air of frivolity as protective coloration.

It is a comfort to know that so many of them are better than then seem, and are on their way to becoming solid citizens, fathers and mothers of another generation.

Elmer was n. g.

"Miss Jones," said the school board member to the young schoolteacher, "you've been seeing a lot of Elmer Jenkins lately."

"But he's 80 years old and harmless."

"Yes, Miss Jones," was the reply, "but he's a Democrat!"

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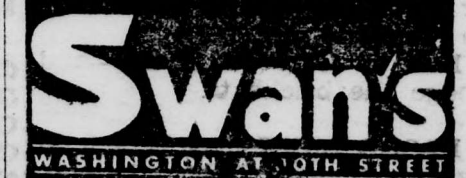
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Hoffa in revenge move on Cohelan's vote against him

A nationally syndicated columnist reports that Jimmie Hoffa, head of the Teamsters, has told a "private war council" in San Francisco recently that "he planned to purge Congressman Jeffery Cohelan—who, as secretary-treasurer of a San Francisco Bay Area milk wagon drivers union, has fought Jimmie-boy. He's one man Hoffa fears. Part of Hoffa's mission in San Francisco was to start his boys working against Cohelan..."

Some indication that "his boys," that is, Hoffa's agents, were already getting busy was given by the fact that in Dick Nolan's column, "The City," in Monday's Examiner, someone had succeeded in planting an item that "former union pals are preparing the deep freeze for Congressman Cohelan when he returns to Berkeley. Cohelan, for 20 years a Teamster official, voted for the new Landrum-Griffin labor law."

Cohelan, as a delegate to the Teamsters convention which elected Hoffa president to succeed Dave Beck, voted against Hoffa and for a candidate put forward by the delegates who wished to clear the reputation of the union by putting at its head a man whose reputation had never been sullied by allegations that he was connected with crooks and gangsters.

Congressman Jack Shelley of San Francisco, himself a Teamster, was very active in the same effort to head off the election of Hoffa to the presidency.

Cohelan and Congressman George P. Miller appeared before the Central Labor Council recently and said that they voted for the final compromise version of the new labor law which had been adopted by the Senate-House conference committee. They said that they voted for it because they feared that if some kind of a labor law were not enacted then, reactionary forces would succeed in getting a still tougher bill passed when Congress convened again in January.

Both Cohelan and Miller had been informed by the legislative branch of the AFLCIO that in view of the circumstances the AFLCIO would not record the final vote of House members on the final compromise version worked out by the Senate-House conference committee as either a "right" or "wrong" vote.

Both Cohelan and Miller had voted against the tougher version which was the Landrum-Griffin bill.

It had long been expected that Hoffa, who has been denounced by AFLCIO President Meany as the principal cause for the passage of any kind of a labor control law, would seek revenge against Cohelan for voting at the Teamsters convention against Hoffa, and for clean unionism. So now Hoffa has commenced the smear operation.

It is pretty generally known in Alameda County who the Hoffa agent in San Francisco is who will be busy now planting in the dailies little items which he figures will please the revengeful heart of Hoffa. —LB

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Nick Petris to be honored at dinner

A dinner, honoring Assemblyman Nick Petris, 15th A. D., and featuring Attorney General Stanley Mosk as the main speaker, will be given on Wednesday, November 18 at Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Blvd.

The affair is sponsored by all the 15th A. D. Democratic Clubs, dinner chairman Lee Friedrich announced. Martin Huff, John King and Osborne Pearson are honorary chairmen.

The entertainment will include "The Sweet Adeline Barberhop Quartet," and the awarding of door prizes, according to host and entertainment committee chairmen, Mary Helen Nisewander and Joe Feit.

Beginning with cocktails at 5:30, dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at \$3.00. Those interested may call Grace Boyson, ANdover 1-9891, or Mary Loushin, KEllog 2-7656 concerning reservations.

Many expected: Fed conclave

Better than 200 delegates are expected to attend the four-day conference on the new labor law to be held November 16-19 at the Mar Monte Hotel in Santa Barbara, it was estimated by Federation Secretary-Treasurer C. J. Haggerty on the basis of advance registrations.

The conference opens Monday morning, November 16, with a full day of background on the role of labor legislation in the development of the labor movement, followed by two days of intensive analysis of the new labor law, and a day of looking ahead at labor legislation problems.

An impressive array of talent has been assembled as major speakers and discussion leaders to ensure success of the conference.

Included is a battery of eight attorneys: Sam Kagel, Lecturer at U. C. Law School, who will handle the first day's session on

this history and development of labor law up to 1959; Federation General Counsel Charles P. Scully, who will lead the conference in the analysis of the provisions of the new law, plus the following six attorneys who will serve as resource persons in discussion sessions on the new law—Ralph H. Nutter, Roland C. Davis, Jay Darwin, Albert Brundage, Robert Morgan and Lionel Richman.

Three professors — Drs. Benjamin Aaron and Irving Bernstein of the U.C.L.A. Institute of Industrial Relations and Dr. Frederick Myers, of the U.C.L.A. Graduate School of Business Administration, have been scheduled to serve as discussion leaders in the Sections on the new labor law.

Andrew J. Biemiller, legislative representative of the national AFLCIO will be on hand with C. J. Haggerty to lead sessions on the politics of the new law and

the road ahead in labor legislation.

State Attorney General Stanley Mosk is scheduled as featured speaker at a luncheon session on Tuesday, November 17, on the related subject of "Labor Law Enforcement in California".

Requests for advanced registrations have been sent out to all affiliated organizations in the state. Those not registering in advance, however, will be able to sign up at the Mar Monte Hotel in Santa Barbara. Registration will begin Sunday evening, the 15th, and continue at 8 a.m. Monday morning, November 16th. — California Labor Federation.

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Officers, business agents of Retail Food Clerks reelected

Incumbent constitutional officers and business representatives of Food Clerks 870 were reelected in the election held Monday. The returns were as follows on the contested offices:

Corresponding and financial secretary-treasurer and business representative No. 1—Harris C. Wilkin, 535; Robert Spruill, 158.

Business representative No. 3—Vincent J. Calin, 489; Douglas Maha, 200.

Business representative No. 4—Kenneth Exley, 567; Alfred Parmentier, 119.

Returns on the uncontested offices were:

President — Charles F. Jones, 692.

First vice president — John Gloden, 638.

Second vice president — Paul Crockett, 656.

Recorder — Mina G. Dorrance, 672.

Guardian — Kenneth Exley, 669.

Guide — Elizabeth H. Mackin, 624.

Business Representative No. 2 — Charles F. Jones, 669.

Business representative No. 5 — George D. Read, 657.

Business representative No. 6 — Harry F. Alexander, 652.

There were 13 candidates for the 10 places on the executive board at large. The winners, with the vote cast for them, were: Lorena Lake, 620; Harry Coffin, 618; Ethel Lewis, 603; Gus Bogel, 593; Robert McPeak, 590; Vincent Calin, 585; Virgil Allison, 480; Robert Spruill, 478; Howard Reeder, 473; Paul McCormick, 445. All of these winners were on the so-called administration slate except Reeder and Spruill.

Candidates for the executive board who were defeated were:



HARRIS C. WILKIN

Reelected this week as Secretary Treasurer and Business Representative of Retail Food Clerks Local 870. The election was held Monday, November 10.

Douglas Maha, 387; Alfred Silva, 387; Alfred Parmentier, 253. Of these Silva was on the administration slate.

There were 12 candidates for the 10 places as delegates to the Central Labor Council. The winners, with the vote cast for them, were: Charles F. Jones, 655; Mina Dorrance, 651; Kenneth Exley, 644; Harry Alexander, 635; Robert S. Ash, 628; Ethel Lewis, 618; George D. Read, 605; Vincent Calin, 603; Elizabeth H. Mackin, 582; Harris C. Wilkin, 582. All of these were on the administration slate.

The defeated candidates for places as CLC delegates were: Douglas Maha, 254; Robert Spruill, 225.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

A bunch of the boys in a smokefilled room, viewed labor legislation in tones of gloom. They predicted restrictions and Court injunctions, and issued dark warnings of management functions.

We, recommend action other than talk. We advocate watching this law like a hawk. When loopholes appear, and we know that they will, let's defy to the death, this ridiculous bill.

Along those lines; Bonding companies are flooding our union with communications, trying to corner a profitable share of bonding provisions in the bill.

Employers are trying to dilute contract language, citing the ambiguous wording of the law.

Labor attorneys are happily warning unions of possible consequences in the Act; and all this is aimed at unions.

Those Congressmen and Senators who insisted this was necessary, have accomplished what?

A tool for employers, a means for bonding companies to siphon off union funds, and a feather bedding field for labor attorneys.

All this because they want to protect us workers.

God protect us from our protectors.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

This is to let you members in Santa Clara know that what we have not forgotten you with regard to the electric watch class. The past month the Union voted to obtain 15 electric watch movements for you.

The supplying of the movements was the biggest problem in starting the electric watch class in San Jose. Now that this hurdle is over, President Glasser, who, by the way, is instructing the electric watch class in San Francisco this year, along with Brother West, and I are meeting with Mr. Joseph Bellinger, of the San Jose Adult Education Division of the Board of Education, to look over the physical facilities in the San Jose City College. It is a new building we are going to look at and there are no classes being held at the present time, but we have hopes we will get the class started by the Spring semester. Just as soon as we are positive of any opening, we will contact the list of names that we have in Santa

COPE MEETING DECEMBER 8

The next meeting of COPE will be held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 8. Executive Committee at 7:00 p.m.

Clara of members who desire to take the course.

If anyone knows of someone having a ring sizing machine for sale, contact Al Chernoff, 245 North Main Street, Fort Bragg, phone number Yorktown 4-2224.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, November 19, in the Union office, at 7 o'clock.

Fremont 6-school uniting defeated

Niles and Alviso Districts of the City of Fremont voted Tuesday to consolidate the six schools of Fremont into a union school district, but the other four Districts voted against it, and since Niles and Alviso are non-contiguous, no union of school areas will result.

Kenneth Steadman, Steelworkers 3367, a City Councilman of Fremont, said he would ask the city manager to prepare plans for a restudy of industrial zoning, as at present Irvington and Warm Springs are zoned the most for industrial development, and other four areas consequently must impose heavier school taxes on residential property.

The vote was: Niles—548 yes, 149 no; Alviso, 103 yes, 89 no; Centerville, 405 yes, 865 no; Irvington, 316 yes, 833 no; Mission San Jose, 171 yes, 209 no; Warm Springs, 18 yes, 89 no.

The Central Labor Council had endorsed the proposal to unite the schools.

Housing vote postponed

The Oakland City Council Tuesday night again postponed a vote on the question of authorizing the building of 500 units of public housing for citizens displaced by redevelopment.

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Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held December 3, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

SPECIAL ELECTION of Carpenters 1622, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward. Purpose, to vote to fill the vacancy of business representative, due to the death of Brother Leon McCool. Also to elect to fill any vacancy caused by resignation to run for business representative.

IMPORTANT: The election will be held Friday, November 13, 1959 between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Active contracting members and those who have not been a member of Local No. 1622 for 12 consecutive months are not eligible to vote (as per Sec. 42 Par. W and Sec. 43 Par. Q of the International Constitution.)

This is an important election and every eligible member should vote.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 17.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our next meeting of November 13, 1959 has been designated a special meeting to discuss and act on the following: Social and lawyers funds and our life insurance program.

This concerns every member's welfare and pocket book, so let's have a good turnout to plan our next years program.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held November 17 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, November 25, 1959 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, California at 8:00 p.m.

1. The regular order of business.
2. There will be second nominations of officers for the years of 1960-1961.

Now that the summer is past, vacations are over and we get into the fall months, your attendance at your union meetings would be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Bus. Mgr. and
Fin. Sec. Treas.

CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

The next regular meeting of Clerks and Lumber Handlers Local 939, will be held on Friday, November 13, 1959.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no meeting on Friday, November 27, 1959.

Fraternally yours,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

MILLMEN 550

ELECTION NOTICE!

Due to the death of our recording secretary, M. D. Cincinato, on October 3, the office of recording secretary is vacant.

November 20, 1959, will be election day. The ballot box will be open all day from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. The meeting of this date will be held in Hall D of the Labor Temple, second floor.

Also, nomination and election of a "pension committeeman" or "trustee" to serve on our forthcoming Mill Cabinet Pensions Plan will be held at the same time.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE E. WHITE,
President

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

The next meeting will be held Friday, November 20, 1959, 8:00 p.m. 2315 Valdez Street, Hall "C", Oakland.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID,
Recording Secretary

S. F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at California Hall, 625 Polk Street, San Francisco on Sunday afternoon, November 15, 1959 at 1:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
HORACE W. STAFFORD
Secretary

BAKERY DRIVERS 432

IMPORTANT

The executive board has called a special meeting to be held Tuesday night, November 17, 1959 in Hall M, 3rd floor at the hour of 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing legal advice on the new labor laws just enacted by your Congress.

We have arranged to have a very competent attorney to explain this vicious law to us.

As per bylaws, a penalty of \$5.00 will be imposed for non-attendance. Do not fail to attend.

Fraternally yours,
JOE B. WANGBERG,
President
LES BENHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Business Representative

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

The stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. November 19, 1959.

The educational committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. November 25, 1959.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The next meeting is Thursday, November 12, 1959. There are only two more meetings left this year, so let's get down to the last ones. There is always something important to come up at the meetings.

Also, don't forget the local dinner dance and entertainment, all for \$3.00 each. Where can you get such a good deal for this price? Hope to see a lot of the members at this big affair of the year, Saturday, November 14, 1959, at 7:30.

Fraternally yours,
ED GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, November 19, 1959 at 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

We still need to nominate a Law and Legislative Committeeman, A Welfare Committeeman, and a COPE Delegate.

How about attending this meeting in November, so we can have something to be Thankful for? Thanks.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Registrations of officers for the years 1960-61 were opened at the membership meeting held October 15. The first reading of registrants was held at our membership meeting November 5, 1959.

Registrations will be closed on November 12, 1959 at 9:00 p.m.

The election will be held on Sunday, December 13, 1959 in Hall "D" of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The election will be held in accordance with the bylaws of this Union, the United Association constitution and the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES MARTIN,
Financial Secretary and
Business Manager

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting of UC Employees Local 371 will be held at the Colombo Hall 5321 Claremont Ave., Oakland at 2:00 p.m. November 14, 1959. The ex board will meet at the same place at 12:30.

Nominations will be in order for the coming year, of officers to be elected, both to office and executive board.

A special meeting was called by President McCullum October 31,

UNION-LABEL CHRISTMAS CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

Albums displaying beautiful union-label Christmas cards are now available at both the office of East Bay Labor Journal, 1622 East 12th Street, and at the Central Labor Council office in the Labor Temple.

The cards, and any printing that is wished on them, should be ordered as soon as possible to prevent that reindeer sedan of Brother Claus from suddenly appearing around the corner of the calendar and riding down the unwary.

1959 to vote on wage increase. The numbers of Local 371 voted to accept wage scale offered by the University of California retroactive to July 1, 1959.

December 12, 1959 at 7 p.m. Christmas dinner and party at Bellini's Restaurant, 4126 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland. Members free, wives and guests \$1.00.

Fraternally yours,
C. F. MARTIN
Secretary

PAINT MAKERS 1101

The next regular meeting of Paint Makers 1101 will be held Tuesday, November 17, at 8 p.m. in Hall C of the Labor Temple.

Fraternally,
PETE CEREMELLO,
Secretary-Treasurer

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

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Mrs. Jack Dial of Carpenter Ladies Auxiliary passes

Funeral services for Charlotte H. Dial, wife of Jack Dial, member of Carpenters Local 36, were held Tuesday at the Grant Miller memorial chapel.

Mrs. Dial, a longtime member of Carpenters Auxiliary 160, passed away Friday of last week at the family home, 2516 - 13th Avenue. She had been ill for some time, having suffered a severe fall the injuries from which tended to complicate a slight heart ailment of long standing.

Mr. and Mrs. Dial had been married 35 years. Brother Dial came here from Washington State many years ago, has long been active in union affairs, was a delegate from Local 36 to the Building Trades Council, often a delegate to State Federation conventions, and holds a life membership in the Brotherhood of Carpenters, having been a member for nearly 50 years.

Brother Dial wishes to thank the friends who have been thoughtful of him in his affliction.

Henning warning on 'Do-It-Yourself'

John F. Henning, Director of the State Department of Industrial Relations, warned home do-it-yourselfers as well as workers in industry against the hazards of using ungrounded electric hand tools.

"Electrical deaths and injuries to California workers in industry resulting from use of ungrounded or improperly grounded electric portable tools have been increasing in the past few years," Henning said.

He cautioned especially against the use of electric hand tools equipped with the common two-prong conductor cord. "These tools do not provide a ground, and under certain conditions could become potential killers," said Henning.

Henning said that State safety regulations require electric hand tools used in industry to be equipped with three-conductor cords, and that the Division of Industrial Safety, under Chief Thomas N. Saunders, has been educating employers to replace two-prong conductors with the three-prong type on all power hand tools.

Labor's award to HST next Monday

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The 1959 Murray-Green Award for community service will be presented by the AFLCIO to former President Harry S. Truman in ceremonies here on November 16, it has been announced by Leo Perlis, Director of AFLCIO Community Service Activities.

Perlis said the award, which consists of a medallion and a check for \$5,000, will be given to Mr. Truman at a dinner at 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 16, in the Hotel Muehlebach.

Among the national labor leaders expected to participate in the event are AFLCIO President George Meany and Joseph A. Beirne, president of the Communications Workers of America. Beirne also serves as chairman of the AFLCIO Community Services Committee.

Previous winners of the Murray-Green award include Eleanor Roosevelt, Dr. Jonas Salk, General Omar Bradley and Herbert Lehman. — AFLCIO News.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

BTC prepares information for yearly meet with Congressmen

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lative Department in Washington had informed House members in advance that a vote for this final compromise version would be ignored by the AFLCIO in its listing of "right" or "wrong" votes by members of Congress.

UC DISABILITY

A letter from C. J. Haggerty, secretary, California Labor Federation, informed the council that UC President Kerr had brought to the attention of the Regents, of which Haggerty is a member, the question of having disability insurance included for the building tradesmen employed by the university. Haggerty said that the matter has been referred to a committee of the Regents, and that he is a member of the committee, which will meet soon.

LOW-INCOME HOUSING

Lem Flanagan, Carpenters 36, asked how much time the Oakland City Council has to make up its mind whether the Federal authorization for the construction of some 500 units of housing is to be used or not. The housing is needed for families crowded out by redevelopment projects.

President Joseph Pruss, who is a member of the Oakland Redevelopment Commission, said that January, 1960, is the deadline.

Childers said that the City Council had been deferring action on the matter owing to the absence of Mayor Rishell, and he couldn't foresee how much delay there would be. Childers had attended the last meeting of the City Council on the subject, when no action was taken.

HOWARD COMPANY

Bob Kerr, Glaziers, said that the Howard Company, on whose operations the council has been checking, has landed a job in Palo Alto. Childers said the company had been doing some work on two schools in Alameda County, and that one of the company's employees got only \$2 an hour and worked more than 40 hours a week.

FRESNO, DISTRICT 50

At the State BTC conference, Childers said, the situation in

Fresno, where the building trades had asked for assistance due to an attempted invasion by District 50 of the United Mine Workers, was discussed, that Blackie Silva had gone to Fresno for the Building Trades Department, and the situation had straightened out enough so that seemingly no further assistance is needed for the time being.

JESS COMPANY

Childers reported that a picket was still being kept on a Jess Construction Company job.

CREDENTIALS

Don Ross, Berkeley Carpenter, 1158, was seated as a delegate.

DEPT. BULLETINS

BTC Secretary John Davy reported that a copy of the October issue of the Building & Construction Trades Bulletin had been received, with the complete text of the Labor Act of 1959, or the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, as it is officially called.

The September issue of the same official publication gave an account of the Building & Construction Trades Department's convention in San Francisco just prior to the AFLCIO convention.

Right to Work has Indiana troubles

Allied Industrial Workers Union members can be justifiably proud of their contributions in time, effort, and money, to the Indiana Workers Protective Committee. This Agency was largely responsible for obtaining the recent favorable decision legalizing the "Agency Shop" in the State of Indiana.

The ruling which, as a United Press International release stated, "put one foot in the grave for the State's Right to Work Law," held that labor contracts may require non-members in the bargaining unit to pay fees to unions equal to initiation fees, monthly dues, and uniform assessments as a condition of employment, without violating the "Right to Work" Law. — Allied Industrial Worker

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Deadline Dec. 14 for filing your Labor Law report!

John F. Ryan, the U. S. Labor Department's local representative on the recently passed Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, announces that his agency had prepared forms on which unions are required to report a description of their organizational structure.

"We expect these Labor Organization Information report-forms to be ready for issuance very soon," Ryan said. "At that time we will have set up distribution centers here and elsewhere in the West to ensure the forms are readily available."

Ryan said the reports must be accompanied by a copy of the union constitution and by-laws, together with other information to be specified in a later announcement.

The reports must be submitted to the Labor Department at Washington no later than December 14, 90 days after the signing of the law in mid-September.

Ryan said that information on reporting and all other provisions of the new law could be obtained from him at his office in San Francisco at room 315 Appraisers Building, 630 Sansome St., phone YUkon 6-3111, extension 312.

Glass strike was drama to last act

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ential, and a December 24 paid holiday.

Mondy said that his union wishes to extend profound gratitude to the following unions for the way they observed the picket lines during the long struggle: Operating Engineers, Machinists, Printing Specialties, Teamsters, Teamster - Warehousemen, ILWU, Glass Bottle Blowers Local 2 and 142.

Special thanks are due, said Mondy, to those members of Glass Bottle Blowers 141 who observed the picket line despite efforts of some of their international officers to persuade them to go through.



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Ike 'conspiracy' in steel: Meany

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Douglas in his dissenting opinion contended that the case should be returned to the lower court "for particularized findings as to how the steel strike imperils the 'national health' and what plants need to be reopened to produce the small quantity of steel now needed for the 'national safety.'"

Justice Douglas agreed with the union argument that the injunction action made the courts carry out executive, non-judicial functions.

"We cannot lightly assume that Congress intended," said Douglas, "to make the Federal judiciary a rubber stamp for the President."

AGC capitulates, Carpenters return

Members of the Brotherhood of Carpenters employed by big contractors on road construction and commercial building projects were on strike this week, owing to the refusal of the Associated General Contractors to sign the master agreement.

But Tuesday the AGC signed the contract, and the men went back to work. Chester R. Bartolini, secretary of the Bay District Council of Carpenters, described the action of the AGC as "capitulation."

The strike had lasted six days when capitulation came.

Subdistrict IUE office being set up in Oakland

Subdistrict IUE office is being set up in Oakland, with Ed Brown, general executive board member and secretary of District 8 in charge, covering California and the Pacific Northwest.

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Labor's golf tournament held Leader Conference

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but the union contract itself as the basic value of unionism.

Rivers emphasized the talk Sam Eubanks of the Newspaper Guild gave on the need for more thought and imaginativeness being applied to cultivating good "public relations" both internally, with members of a union; and externally, with the general public.

All agreed that so many subjects were covered at the conference that it was impossible to give more than a few highlights in the report.

Some idea of the complex ambiguity of the new Labor Law was given by the report that when two able labor lawyers told the conference about five major points in the new law, they only agreed completely on the interpretation of one out of the five!

The third annual Labor Golf Tournament got under way Saturday of last week by noon at the Spring Valley course near Milpitas, and continued until 6 p.m., with all agreeing that a good time had been had by all.

Following were the winners with their handicaps:

Class A—1. Packard Harrington, 77-6-71; 2. Robert Beaudreau, 78-6-72; 3. Ed Lojro, 82-9-73.

Class B—1. John Schiavenza, 88-14-74; 2. A. J. Chiappe, 88-13-75; 3. Steve Bernes, 92-17-75.

Class C—1. O. K. Mitchell Sr., 122-54-68; 2. Paul Rupert, 96-22-74; 3. O. K. Mitchell Jr., 92-17-75.

Longest drive—O. K. Mitchell, Jr.

Hole-in-one—Joe W. Chaudet, 17 feet 6 inches; Steve Bernes, 33 feet 1 inch; O. K. Mitchell Jr., 36 feet 4 inches.

It was felt that a good cross section of the labor movement of Alameda County appeared, considering the fact that many good players from the Steel-

workers and the Auto Workers were unable to show, due to the steel strike, Supreme Court decision, and layoffs connected with the strike.

All players were given a new golf ball at the start, and the winners got in addition golf balls marked "Alameda COPE."

The golf tournament was started three years ago in immediate connection with the COPE picnic, but this year the tournament was not held just before the picnic as formerly.

Number of jobs on coast set record fourth month

Wage and salary employment (exclusive of agricultural and domestic workers) in the Pacific Coast States totalled 6,108,800 in mid-September and set a new record for the fourth consecutive month.

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R. L. BURGESS, Editor
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Back to the slave pens! Douglas, Kaiser dissent

Back to the slave pens! says the Supreme Court to our front line fighters, the Steelworkers.

Okay, we're not going to start yowling like a bunch of Ku Klux Klansmen against the interpretation which our highest court gives to a law deliberately written as a Slave Labor Law.

But we do avail ourselves of the constitutional privilege of Americans: we cite the dissenting opinion of Associate Justice Douglas, knowing perfectly well, as we knew in the classic days of "Holmes and Brandeis dissenting," that this minority opinion in the course of time will become the majority opinion and the Law of the Land.

Also we cite the minority opinion of what we might well call Justice Kaiser of the Supreme Court of the Steel Industry: the chairman of the board of the Kaiser Steel Corporation has sent a letter to the stockholders of that corporation, saying:

"We believe the agreement Kaiser Steel Corporation signed with the United Steelworkers represents a major contribution toward the continuance of the American free collective bargaining system. It will provide security for Kaiser's steelworkers and their families and will mean that they can return to work on an orderly schedule without being forced to do their jobs because of a . . . Federal Court injunction under Taft-Hartley."

So we've lost a big case in court, as we had already lost our case in the minds of the President of the United States and his golf-playing steel magnates. But we haven't lost our knowledge that "Douglas and Kaiser dissenting" is the phrase that contains the root of the future. The rest is dead wood.

4.3% in words, 1.5% in cash

A weekly wage of \$106.13 was the average in the San Francisco-Oakland Metropolitan Area in September, a gain of 4.3% over the same period a year ago; but the actual buying power of these earnings after taxes and adjustment for the rise in consumer prizes was only 1.5% higher for the worker with 3 dependents, and 1.2% higher for the worker with no dependents. The figures are from the Department of Industrial Relations.

You seem to gain four and a third percent, and you actually gain one and a half percent. Well, the steel industry has a simple formula to solve this problem: just hold wages down and let profits rise!

Teeners debate labor issues

During this school year, teen-age debate teams will compete in interscholastic matches on the pros and cons of three propositions of interest to labor:

That Section 14 (b) of the National Labor Relations Act should be repealed.

That the Federal Government should substantially increase the regulation of labor unions.

That the Federal Government should require arbitration of labor disputes in all industries.

Section 14 (b) is the one which permits States to pass "right to work" laws in order to bust unions. The other two subjects also involve issues of immense importance to us of organized labor. So help any kid that's debating on our side!

Congratulations, Joe Casey!

The many labor people in the East Bay who know, admire, and love Joe Casey congratulate him on his reelection to the Board of Supervisors in San Francisco, and on the fact that of the six who were reelected he placed second, many thousands of votes ahead of the low man on the totem pole.

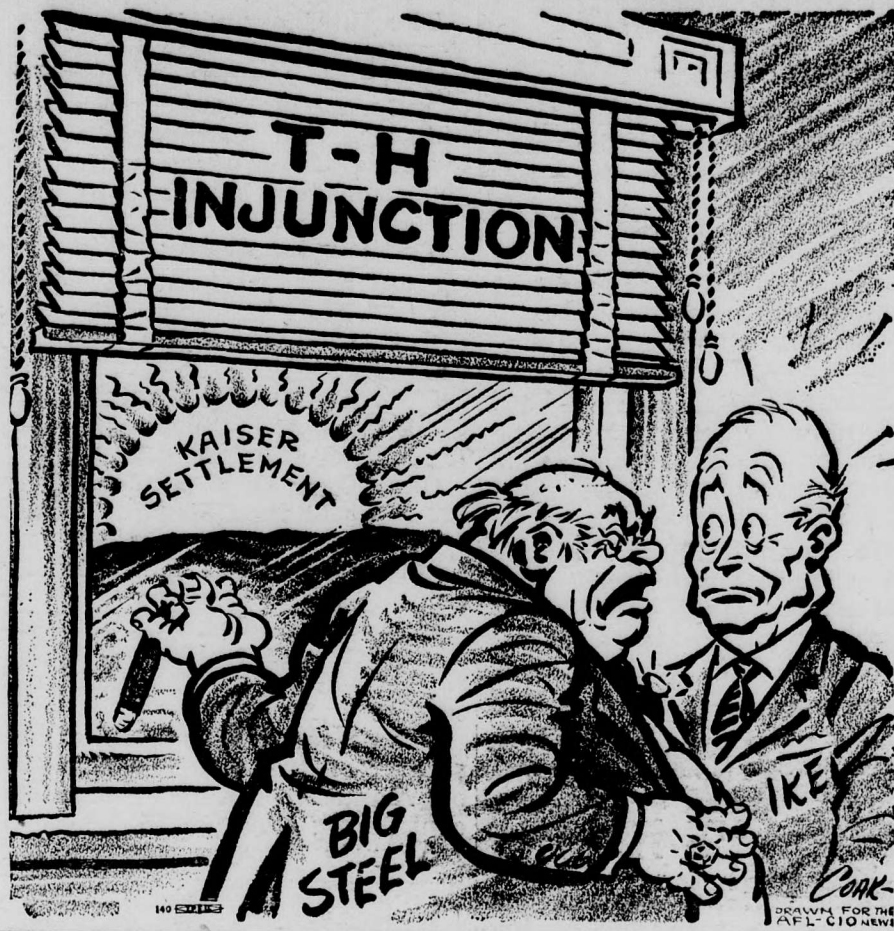
Casey as a representative of the Teamsters in years gone by and later as a representative of the old AFL showed traits of independence and ability which made him a man of genuine distinction in the labor movement.

Booby prize for ethical ad

Booby Prize for Ethical Advertising is here and now awarded to Ralph Ring, manager of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce, who announced last week that he would be glad to hire Charlie Van Doren the teevee faker, for \$5500 a year until next fall, on the ground that "it would be fine publicity for us."

Wonder if the Oakland (MOA) Chamber of Commerce will raise the bid, or hire Chessman for the same purpose if he survives?

'Quick, Close that Blind!'



LABOR PRESS IS TOLD IT'S JUST TOO TIMID

John L. Cooper, president of the Los Angeles Joint Executive Board of the Hotel & Restaurant Employees Union, and editor of their publication, told the convention of labor editors held prior to the general AFLCIO convention in San Francisco:

Let us try and discover the true facts about labor's weaknesses of today and how they have contributed to our present dilemma.

Every man at this convention, I am sure, has many times criticized the public press for being anti-labor, for its editorial policies against labor, for doctoring the news to further its editorial policies. Such censorship we have condemned as contrary to our democratic ideals of a free press which we regard as essential in a democracy.

I have come to the conclusion that we, in an effort to get labor's side of the story to our readers and the public, have frequently employed tactics that are as reprehensible and even more restrictive than those employed by the public press. Too often policy positions are dictated by union authority, far removed from direct membership control, and the labor editor prints these positions and censors out any news items or membership comment that may challenge such ideas.

Yet, I call to your attention the fact that in almost every daily paper in this country there is published a "Letters to the Editor" column where letters from readers are printed representing widely divergent opinion, often in conflict with the paper's editorial policy.

During World War II, despite the absolute military authority and right of censorship in wartime, the Stars and Stripes published its famous feature, "The Beef Bag" in which the GI frequently lambasted army brass. Our military authority recognized what we seem to ignore—the importance of permitting gripes and criticism in the building of morale. I can testify from

Kind of wonderful

It's kind of wonderful in a way, for if Ike and Mr. K can take any concrete steps toward a real and permanent peace and easing of the arms race, the seven years of aimless government under Ike will seem a small price to pay indeed.

If this should happen, we Americans could go on living our soft, pointless lives with a clear conscience, while the Soviets gradually, peacefully swamp us with their expanding technology and economy — and most important — their energy and national purpose. — Valley Labor Citizen.

personal experience that this feature insured first, avid reader interest in the Stars and Stripes and second, that it was a tremendous boost to soldier morale in the European theater.

It seems to me a sad commentary that one of the most reliable sources of objective news regarding both labor and management in America today is to be found in the Wall Street Journal.

If censorship is reprehensible and violates principles of democracy, how can it be an honorable or effective weapon for us to use in our fight against anti-labor censorship?

Can two wrongs ever make a right?

I do not wish to be misunderstood; I believe firmly in the responsibility of leadership to lead. I recognize the validity of honest propaganda when it is effectively employed. My concern is that we are not employing consultative democratic techniques, without maximum effectiveness.

I think we must recognize that the directed union policies we rigidly publish in our labor press, and the censorship that is employed to try and win adherents to our cause, are having the exact opposite effect.

Double standard

Rep. Ken Hechler (D., W. Va.) points out that if a banker embezzles a million dollars "this is inside-page news" in most newspapers, and "does not stir the editor to raise a hue and cry against all bankers." But uncover a cheap crook in a labor union, Hechler says, and it's front-page news and soon the editor is whipping up hysteria against the whole labor movement.

About the time the Congressman was talking, a case in New Jersey proved his point. Three top officers of the Manufacturers Bank of Edgewater, and four of their businessmen friends, were indicted on charges of stealing \$150,000 from the bank through fraudulent loans. The bank is now in liquidation.

Did you see that in your paper? Suppose some union officials in New Jersey had been indicted for robbing their members of \$150,000 (or even 15 cents)? Do you think the newspapers would have found room for that news? — COPE.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .
We Run 'Em!

BIG BUSINESS'S DESTRUCTION BILL

Editor, Labor Journal:

As a member of the International Typographical Union and of OTU Local No. 36 I urge all members of organized labor to come to life, attend your Union meetings, become active in the labor movement. We have been hiding behind a few active members since the enactment of the Taft-Hartley Bill. We have hidden ourselves behind that worn-out phrase "politics." It is essential to our own survival that we lay aside all petty grievances and unite ourselves, together in our coming fight for survival.

The passing of the so-called labor reform bill should be studied thoroughly and let every destructive part of that bill sink in. READ IT—the handwriting on the wall is there. It will take a concentrated effort for labor to enact in the future an antidote to combat the evil that has been done.

I urge every member of labor to take the time NOW to study the true qualities of this labor-wrecking bill whose only purpose is to destroy the labor movement in this country.

In speaking to members of the Typographical Union, I include all members of organized labor to unite and fight as we had to do years before. That has now become paramount for our survival. I shudder to think that members of the ITU, the oldest Trade Union in the country, can sit idly by while the big business bosses are carrying out their vicious program of destroying us until labor is in complete captivity.

All that we have heard from "Big Business" is how they will protect the rights of the worker. They say it is the worker's right to work anywhere, anytime as he pleases. This sounds good to the average person. Doesn't it? They fail to tell you about their ace-in-the-hole; that these same people will perform that work at ANYTIME THE EMPLOYER SAYS; under the EMPLOYER CONDITIONS, at a WAGE THE EMPLOYER IS WILLING TO PAY.

It is past time for us to wake up—it's now time for all of us to become an active part of our union before all we have worked for is destroyed by 'big business'.

We can and will maintain our high standards of democracy. We will protect our union. We shall protect our rights. In unity there is our strength. As never before we need unity.

Big Business has achieved that—look ahead—our union is what we make it—GET ACTIVE.

Sincerely and fraternally yours

RAY ROBERTS,

ITU Member

Local No. 36

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AT THE EDGE

Do statistics sometimes confuse you? Well, that makes three of us—you and I and the town clerk. The clerk was reading to the village council a report from the state board of health. "Village death rate is eleven point seven (11.7)," it said. "What does that mean?" a member asked. "It means," the clerk explained, "that 11 folks have died, and 7 more are at the point of death." — William McMillen in Farm Journal.

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IF SOVIET QUIT!

If the Soviet Union, as a nation, disappeared from the earth tomorrow morning, the need for federal aid to education would still remain great. — Peter T. Schoemann, President, United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters.